

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A reduced-friction artificial [[joint]] disc replacement (ADR), comprising:

a first endplate component adapted for fixation to an upper vertebral body;

a second endplate component adapted for fixation to a lower vertebral body; and

a spacer component disposed between the two endplate components, the spacer component including one or more casters that articulate with the two endplate components to reduce friction during spinal flexion, extension or other movements; and

wherein each caster swivels about a vertical axis and has a wheel that rotates about a horizontal axis.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The reduced-friction artificial [[joint]] disc replacement (ADR) of claim 1, ~~including~~ wherein one or more of the wheels are rotatable about [[axes]] an axis oriented generally medial to lateral.